

DEVIZES AREA BOARD
23 September 2013

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2013

Purpose of the Report

To provide an update and recommendations to Devizes Area Board from the meeting of the Community Area Transport Group meeting held on Monday 9th September 2013.

Notes of Meeting

Present:

- Tony Cosstick - Cycle Devizes
- Peter Evans - Devizes Town Council
- Kate Freeman – Chairman of DCAP Transport Sub-Group
- Richard Gamble - Member of Devizes Area Board and Chairman of CATG
- Ann Lumb - Great Cheverell Parish Council
- Kristian Price – Area Highways Engineer
- Gareth Rogers - Senior Engineer, Wiltshire Council
- Richard Rogers - Community Area Manager for Devizes, Wiltshire Council
- Philip Whitehead – Member of Devizes area Board and portfolio holder for Highways Contract

<p>Apologies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Aldam (Senior Transport Planning Assistant) • Rachel Kent (Environmental Health Officer) • Rob Edwards (Potterne Parish Council) <p>Action Kelvin Nash is the new Town Council representative on the CATG and needs to be included on the mailing list (RR)</p>
<p>Funding Update</p>	<p>Speed limit review funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding used by Wiltshire Council for reviewing ‘c’ and ‘unclassified’ roads has been delegated to the CATG. • This money does not need to be used for speed limit reviews but at the CATG’s discretion be used for other highways issues. • Devizes has received £7,500. Each review costs about £2.5k. If the CATG continues to review Consciences Lane and the C50 as previously promised it will still have @£2.5k remaining for other purposes • The total budget allocation left for this financial year is £19,500 <p>RECOMMENDATION - The 2 routes chosen for review during 2013/14 (C249 and C50) should continue to be reviewed as previously agreed</p>
<p>1. Actions from July 2013 and any updates</p>	

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| a. Whistley Road Gates | Gareth Rogers is producing accurate costs for the provision of white gates. These will be given to the Parish Council to consider if they wish to pay 50% of the costs and go ahead with them. Costs will be with the Parish Council by mid November |
| b. West Lavington crossings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gareth Rogers has met with West Lavington Parish Council and has sent a revised plan for the crossings to them for their consideration • A meeting is to be held with Dauntsey's School on 27th Sep to consider the crossing of the B3098 and look at the various options. |
| c. West Lavington 'H' bars parking restrictions | This work has been completed |
| d. Petition for upgrading crossing on Bath Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The criminal hearing has taken place and a coroner's report is expected to follow. However this can take several months to complete • In considering the future of this crossing, a number of related subjects such as what is to happen at St Peter's School and Shanes Castle will also need to be considered alongside. |
| e. Transport Strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting for the task and finish group will take place on the 17th Sep. On the agenda will be a discussion on a proposal to merge the air quality steering group with the Transport Strategy task & finish group. • This proposal along with the output from the groups work will be presented at the Devizes area board meeting on the 23rd Sep. |
| f. 20 mph speed limit review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has been completed and the findings are out for consultation • Great Cheverell 20mph limit is now permanent. However Ann Lumb pointed out that according to the proposed policy, Great Cheverell would not be allowed to be considered for a 20mph speed limit. This is despite the fact that speeds in the area have been reduced by up to 5mph due to its implementation. • Kate Freeman asked whether the deadline for submitting comments could be extended as DCAP will struggle to get in a representative response in time. Richard Gamble responded that the deadline is the same for everyone but that late responses may be |

able to be looked it.

- In response to a request from Kate Freeman for a more iterative process, Richard Gamble suggested that the current procedure was unlikely to be amended
- The substantive bid by Devizes CATG for £50k has been successful. This will help with the cost of enabling cycling across the Green. This is the largest award of any community area and Richard Gamble thanked those involved with the bid.
- Gareth Rogers also updated the group that a number of options for lighting will be given to the town council to decide upon. The order should be placed before Christmas and construction take place from around late February.

g. Substantive bid (GR)

h. Outcome of speed reviews on C8 and C20

These have now been completed and the results have been sent to the Parish Councils affected. Any comments should be sent to Richard Rogers by the end of October so that they can be collated for consideration

i. Horton Village Speeding

A metro Count is being carried out and the results will be considered when it is complete

j. A361 bus stop

- Kate Freeman presented photographs of some of the problems with the A361 dual carriageway near the bust stop that was damaged. Her key concern is that the junction is quite dangerous for those crossing over the road to use the bus stop.
- It was noted that whilst there is a 70mph limit, cyclists only need to cross two lanes before they get to the central reservation.
- It was also noted that there are extra associated challenges at that part of the road such as difficult turnings and safely travelling alongside the road.
- It was recognised that a high engineering solution is not viable due to the expense. However some measures such as a landing patch on the central reservation may be possible and helpful.

ACTIONS:

- I. True, rather than perceived, speed of the vehicles should be measured
- II. Accident rates and exact locations are required to be brought to the next meeting.

Philip Whitehead and Gareth Rogers will look at this issue

and gather the information for a discussion at the next CATG meeting. Kate Freeman will be kept informed.

k. Bromham Traffic Issues

Gareth Rogers and Richard Rogers will be undertaking a site visit later in September to look at the various concerns

l. Cycle Stands

- The Town Council, Cycle Devizes and DCAP have been looking at cycle stand provision in Devizes.
- A list has been put together of where the stands are, which ones need to be repaired or repainted and proposed sites for new ones.
- Once this has been formally agreed by the Town Council, they will be prioritised and handed to Gareth Rogers. £2,500 has already been allocated by the CATG for this work
- Additional funding can be looked at for providing those outside of the budget



ACTION – Prioritise the work on the cycle stands and once agreed send it to Gareth Rogers (Tony Cosstick, Peter Evans and Kate Freeman)

2. Rotherstone Rat Run – Findings from resident survey (Peter Evans).



Resident Survey results - Rotherstone !

- Following concerns from residents that Rotherstone was being used as a rat run, Peter and Sue Evans carried out a brief household survey to see if this was the case and if they would be in favour of alterations to the highway in order to prevent it.
- 24 households provided responses.
- The survey showed that almost everyone saw this as a major problem and wanted something done.
- The CATG agreed that humps could not be considered as some of the houses have poor foundations and no one wants the humps outside their house.
- The CATG also agreed that there was no obvious place for a Chicane
- This left 2 ideas that were suggested by residents:
 1. One Way System– You could have a very short one-way system at Avon Close which would avoid disruption for most residents whilst acting as a closure for those using it as a rat run.
 2. Blocking the road – This is possible but could be a

	<p>problem for residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The survey also showed that there is a problem with the pavement and road being at the same level and that the hedge on the corner is not kept cut back to allow visibility <p>ACTIONS –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Gareth Rogers will put together some more information regarding a possible one way system or blocking the road. This can then be used by Peter Evans to take back to the residents and Town Council. II. Kristian Price will take appropriate action to ensure that the hedge is cut back
<p>3. Coach Parking</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Option A - Single Bay Each Direction.pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Option B - Double Bay NW Bound.pdf </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two options for a dropping off place for coaches have been drawn up and were considered by the CATG The CATG unanimously supported this provision particularly as Coach Drivers are likely to list Devises as a non stopping place if it does not take place. However members of the CATG were divided as to which option was preferable. It was agreed that the choice would be left up to the Town Council and that the CATG would support whichever one they selected. <p>RECOMMENDATION – The CATG totally support the temporary arrangements for a coach dropping off place and are committed to it being completed as soon as possible. The CATG will support the option chosen by the Town Council</p> <p>ACTION – Town Council to talk to residents affected that this provision will be taking place. (Peter Evans)</p>
<p>Walkway on Folly Road – Request supported by Cllr Mayes from a resident asking us to consider a path along the edge of the field that runs from White Horse Way to Roundway</p>	<p>Gareth Rogers having looked at this stretch of road suggested that there may be a solution if the local land owner agreed to allow a permissive path. However this should be taken forward by the Parish Council not by the CATG</p> <p>ACTION – Parish Council and local residents to decide whether to take this forward. Richard Rogers to speak to Roundway parish clerk</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'A' Boards – Wiltshire Council have asked businesses to follow some agreed guidelines on where and how they are used. Double Yellow Lines – Peter Evans asked when these will be replaced. He reported that some people are

	<p>parking on them and claiming that they are allowed to as the lines are not up to standard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACTION – Philip Whitehead will look into this and report back at the next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Freeman asked if there was a map of where 20mph limits are. This does not currently exist <p style="text-align: center;">ACTION – Gareth Rogers will provide Kate with what is available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Gamble informed the group that a new bus service has just been launched which is a weekday express bus between Devizes and Salisbury
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Recommendations to Devizes Area Board

The area board is asked to agree the following two recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1 - The 2 routes chosen for the speed limit review during 2013/14 (C249 and C50) should continue to be reviewed as previously agreed

RECOMMENDATION 2 – The area board totally supports the temporary arrangements for a coach dropping off place and are committed to it being completed as soon as possible. The area board will support the option chosen by the Town Council

Date of next meeting – 11th November, 10am, Wiltshire College, Devizes

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